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The Levanevskiy Flight School

1. The Flight School i/n Levanevskiy (Aviatsionnoye Uchilishche im. Levanevskogo) at Nikolayev (N 46-58, E 32-00) was directly subordinated to the headquarters of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. In October 1956, it was rumored that the headquarters of the Black Sea Fleet was to be transferred to Odessa. The school had the secret designation of Mino-Torpedno-Aviatsionnoye Uchilishche im. Levanevskogo and had been under the command of Major General Kovalenko for a number of years.
2. The primary function of the school was to train pilots and navigators (Letchiki i Shturmany) for Soviet naval aviation, to serve with naval units in the Black and Baltic Seas, the Pacific, and Northern waters. Flight school candidates were required to have a secondary education and had to agree to serve a period of service in the Navy after graduation. After passing their entrance examinations, candidates had to appear before a board (Mandatnaya Komissiya) whose members included a political officer and a representative of naval counter-espionage. Candidates were known to have been rejected by the board on political grounds (having lived in areas under German occupation, having relatives abroad, etc.).
3. Up to the end of 1956, both the pilot and navigator courses lasted for three years, at which time the courses were extended to four years. Terms ran from October to June. The first year was devoted exclusively to theoretical studies along the following daily schedule:

0800 - 1400	lectures
1400 - 1500	lunch
1500 - 1700	rest period
1700 - 1900	study

Free weekends for students began at 1400 Saturday and lasted to Monday morning.

4. Following a one-month vacation at the end of the first term, students continued their theoretical studies and began their practical training in MAX (YAK-18)

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26. The following badges were worn above the left breast pocket:

- a. Pilots - bird symbol with proficiency rating (1, 2, or 3) superimposed.
- b. Navigators - gold wings, on which a bomb symbol was centered with the proficiency rating (1, 2, or 3) superimposed.
- c. Technical officers - wings with crossed-hammers symbol.

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1. Vodopoy airfield is also known as Nikolayev/Southeast. 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] Slivny airfield was believed to be an inoperative military airfield.

3. Available information rates the ZIS-151 with a net weight of 12,037 pounds, with payload of 10,383 pounds. The MAZ truck referred to maybe the MAZ-125 (designed as a dump truck) with payload capabilities of around 27 tons.

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